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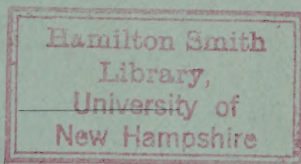
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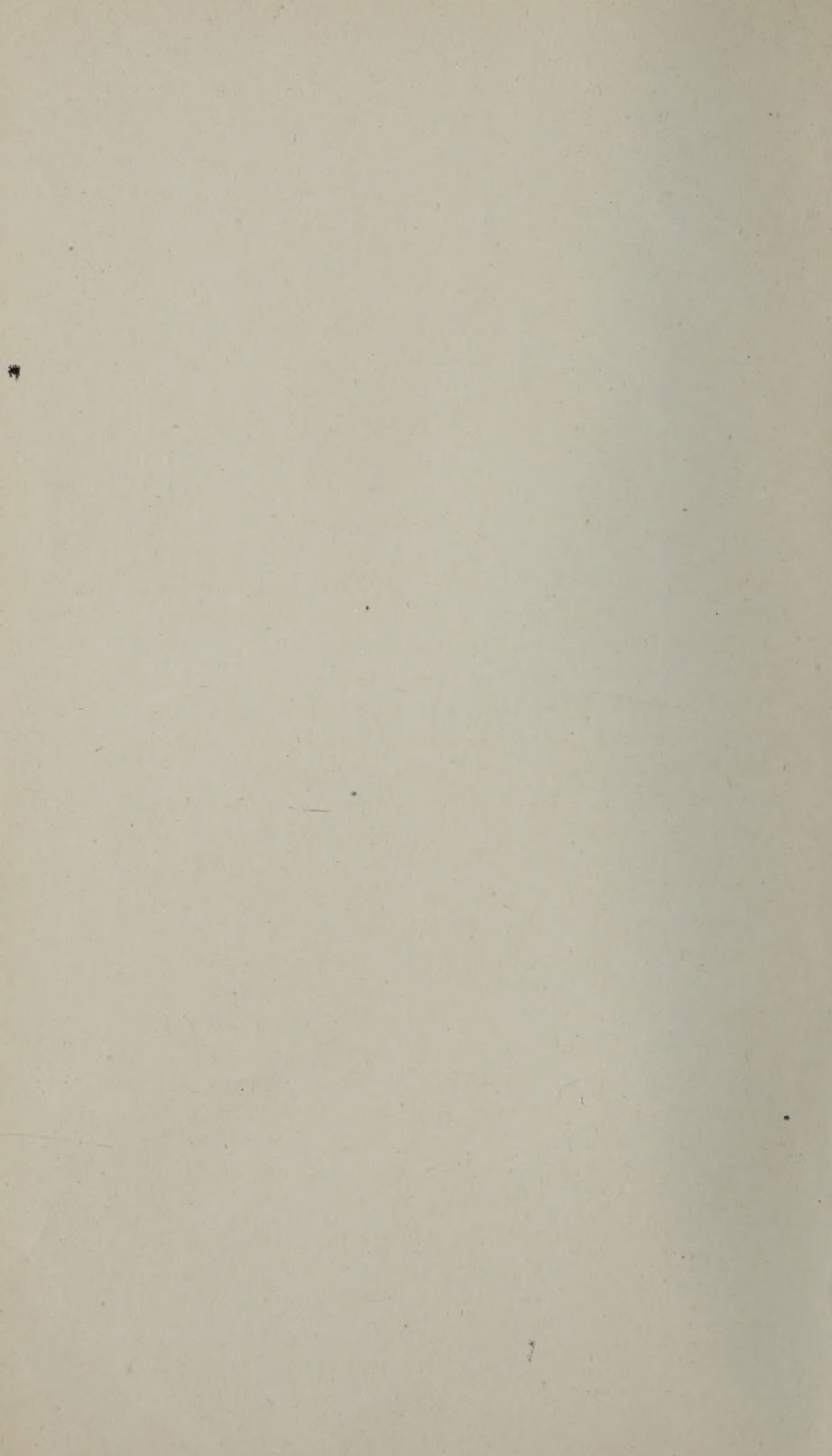
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## REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD.

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Following the requirements of the statutes, we respectfully present this annual report of the School Board. That this report shall command more than ordinary interest, on account of its being the first after a return to the township system, may be reasonably expected. The work of the year has been exceedingly gratifying to the Board, not on account of the amount of executive work performed, but because results have been marked with an emphasis which has demonstrated its usefulness. The Board have held regular meetings during the year, and kept due records of all their proceedings. The total amount of money at our disposal for school purposes was \$2,087.97, derived from the following sources, viz.: raised agreeable to law, \$1,211.00; income of Tucker fund, \$3.34; Wyman fund, \$22.00; school fund, \$16.80; Asahel Collins fund, \$488.46; railroad tax, \$74.63; literary fund, \$186.24; dog tax, \$85.50. For the sake of convenience, and reference, the district has been divided into four locations, numbered 1, 2, 3 and 4, respectively, thus putting in operation plans which have been previously recommended.

The teachers of our schools have been faithful and earnest, and have performed their work with efficiency and zeal, and as a result, we believe our public schools

are in a condition not inferior to any previous year. In regard to discipline we have deemed the issuing of deportment cards as unnecessary, consuming as it does, much valuable time in their preparation, and being almost worthless as an aid to the teacher in the matter of school government. The maintainence of good order in the school room is one of the imperative requisitions demanded of every teacher, and they are instructed to exercise a firm and wholesome restraint upon all, and at the same time to encourage the best impulses apparent. We have had in operation throughout the year these four schools already mentioned; the scholars themselves have, we think, shown more than ordinary interest in their studies, and among some a healthy spirit of rivalry has existed which we have endeavored to encourage. There is one study which is markedly open to criticism, and that is penmanship, an exercise which in order to be excellent requires, perhaps, more than all others, the most painstaking, neat and methodical execution. We cannot but feel that there is danger that some laxity may exist in the matter of promotion of scholars from one class to the next higher; promotions have taken place many times as a matter of course, routine favoring the unqualified to outward appearance, but in reality doing an irreparable injustice to the scholar. With our shifting population circumstances often arise necessitating changes of this kind on account of accommodations; still, we think our efforts should be to overcome scant accommodations, rather than injure the whole course and training of a student by misplacing him. It is due to parents that we here refer to the system of marking for rank; it is our judgment that heretofore the standard has been altogether too low; that is, one hundred per cent. has been too



easily gained, when in reality it is a mark meaning absolute perfection, which in most studies can be hardly attained. We have therefore instructed our teachers to raise their standard, in order to animate the scholar, and at the same time hold him where he truly belongs. The State requires all children of school age to go regularly to school; all thoughtful parents acknowledge the wisdom of this requirement and will not allow their children to be absent, unless by some circumstance beyond their control. Unfortunately, there are some parents who are thoughtless, and for convenience, or through ignorance of the inevitable results of their acts, allow, or even require, their children to be frequently absent from school.

Altogether too many cases of truancy have occurred during the past year, requiring the attention of the truant officer; in many cases the parents were at fault. We call your especial consideration of this subject, knowing as you must, how the work of our schools is disturbed by the evils of non-attendance and irregular attendance. We hope that in the future such a public sentiment will be formed in this town which will put an end to this evil, and cause every parent to feel that no sacrifice can be too great in order that his children may obtain an education. Is it because we are as a people becoming more effeminate, that distance and storm are such obstacles in the way of acquiring knowledge? Is it possible that such a falling away from interest, fresh in the minds of many of us not yet grown old, can be on this account? The law provides for transportation in cases of necessity with a view to overcome the above mentioned obstacles, but in no way does it release parent or guardian from all responsibility in the matter.

A true regard for the interests of the whole district

will not allow that the school Board should expend money in that direction without the most careful consideration. Here let us invite all parents and friends of children to visit our schools; in some instances we are glad to notice a marked interest, while in others there is an indifference which does not argue well for their future prosperity. We would urge the importance of good schools upon any community, and good results will follow in proportion to the interest which all have in their support and conduct. Let no one shield himself behind the fact that he has no child to educate, thereby acting as one who can only appreciate education for others when it costs him nothing. When taking an inventory of the school property we were astonished to find such a lack of school apparatus necessary to teach scholars of any grade intelligently. In five schools there were no dictionaries, in two no globes, in two no maps whatever, the teacher being compelled to illustrate the subject as well as she could from the text book. We ask you candidly can you find fault with the teacher when your children fail to find a proper word in the dictionary, or cannot give any idea of the comparative areas of New Hampshire and Texas? This deficiency we hoped to partly fill by use of money voted for the purpose last May, but the questionable delay of assessment after proper certification, and subsequent recinding of such vote placed it beyond our power.

The Rev. S. H. McColleston, comprehending instantly the deep necessity of such apparatus, generously came forward and placed in our hands the proceeds of a very instructive course of lectures, which has partly overcome such necessity.

In the judgment of this Board a new school house is necessary for the accommodation of those who should



attend school No. 4, as neither of the old houses in that portion of the district are properly situated to conveniently meet the requirements, also neither house is of such construction as to make them desirable places for holding schools. We shall heartily co-operate in any proper move to supply the deficiency by the erection of a comfortable house on the lot selected agreeable to law last July. This report would not fairly represent the property of the district, did we not call your attention to the conveniences and conditions of the various out-buildings connected with the school houses; truthfully we can say that none of them are properly constructed, while most of them are far below what a community of our pretensions should tolerate, if we have a proper regard for either the moral or physical health of our children. If disease either moral or physical comes, let us as a people see to it that at least we have not invited it. In regard to insurance it is needless for us to argue further than we already have, its necessity, so we merely state that a large portion of the property is today unprotected in case of loss. The schools of the district have, with the exception of No. 4, been held twenty-eight weeks during the year. Owing to very severe weather it was deemed best to close No. 4 after twenty-seven weeks' teaching. Your Board has endeavored to sustain the grade of all the schools at the highest point possible; yet it is impossible to give in a mixed school all the advantages of the graded system. Consequently it has been our policy to encourage all whose attainments warranted to avail themselves of the advantages of the Grammar Department of No. 2; feeling that by so doing we were best advancing the interests of the entire district. The enumeration of school children of from five to

fifteen years of age is as follows, boys 160, girls 124, total 284. In consideration of the use that is made of this enumeration in enforcing the various laws regarding attendance at school, all will readily understand the importance of careful and correct returns.

Respectfully submitted,

NATHANIEL H. MERRIAM,  
ELISHA O. WOODWARD,  
LEVI D. JONES,

*School Board.*

Marlborough, March 1, 1887.

## ROLL OF HONOR.

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School No. 1.—Spring Term, Annie H. Mason, Carrie E. White, Eululoo T. White, Mabel L. White, Clifford E. Mason; Winter term, Clifford E. Mason.

School No. 2.—Grammar department. Spring term, Charles H. Pease, Willie G. Porter, Edward M. Stone, Herman C. Stone, Charles L. Wiswall, Nancy E. Winch, Flora B. Tenney, Mabel A. Holt; Fall term, Grace Blanchard, Eva Lois Gould, Mabel A. Holt, Carrie H. Sawyer, Flora B. Tenney, Nancy E. Winch; Winter term, Mabel A. Holt, Carrie H. Sawyer, Nancy E. Winch, Flora B. Tenney, Herman C. Stone, Edward M. Stone, Charles H. Pease, Herbert L. Matthews. Intermediate department; Spring term, Gertie M. Wiswall, Frank E. Ward, Herbert Richardson; Fall term, M. Rose Hobert, Grace L. Richardson, Nellie Howard, Gertie M. Wiswall, Willie McCabe, Harry Towne, Herbert Richardson; Winter term, Gertie M. Wiswall, Charlie Smith, Herbert Richardson, Alvina Croto. Second Primary department; Spring term, Ethel Collins, Josephine Lawrence, Lula Matthews, Edith Peck, Abbie Winch, Mary Vigneault, Eddie Gerry, Ernest Lang, Winnie Whitney; Fall term, Vida Brooks, Bertha Gould, Lula Matthews, Mattie Shover, Ethel Collins; Winter term, Eddie Gerry, Charlie Moors, Charlie Sawyer, Winnie



Whitney. First Primary ; Spring term, Belle Conelly, Carl Fitch, Clarence Martin, David Totten, Minot Towne ; Fall term, Belle Conelly, Carl Fitch, David Totten, Minot Towne, Lizzie Bruce, Clorinda Croto, Celinda Croto, Lucinda Faro ; Winter term, Winnie Stone, Robert Whitney, David Totten, Eli Hebert.

School No. 3.—Spring term, Walter T. Fuller, Augustus F. Hannaford, Eugene F. Mason, Inez M. Farnum, Essie G. Mason ; Fall term, Frank J. Bemis, Walter T. Fuller, Eugene F. Mason, Everett S. Mason, Essie G. Mason ; Winter term, Frank J. Bemis, Everett S. Mason, Isaac A. Carlin, Essie G. Mason.

School No. 4.—Spring term, Herbert C. Conant, Eulena L. Conant, Harley S. Leighton, Arthur A. Wallace, George H. Darling, Warren Porter ; Fall term, Herbert C. Conant, Charles C. Leighton, Harley S. Leighton, Florence M. Leighton, Arthur A. Wallace ; Winter term, Eulena L. Conant, Florence M. Leighton, Arthur A. Wallace.

TABLE.

SCHOOL.	TERM.	NAME OF TEACHER.	Wages of teacher per month.	No. of weeks.	No. of scholars.	Av. No. scholars.	Av. attendance.	Not absent.	Reading.	Spelling.	Pennmanship.	Arithmetic.	Geography.	Grammar.	History.	Composition.	Physiology.	Book-keeping.	Algebra.	Geometry.	Philosophy.	Physical Geog.
No. 1.	Spring.	Ida M. Emerson,	\$30 00	9 28	24	22	11	24	24	24	25	14	4	4								
"	Fall.	Ida M. Emerson,	30 00	10 40	29	26	23	32	32	31	16	3	2	3								
No. 2, G. D.	Winter.	Ida M. Emerson,	30 00	9 29	25	22	2	23	23	23	22	17	2	2								
"	Spring.	Mrs. L. B. Wright,	48 00	9 35	34	32	9	35	35	32	31	12	35	19	35							
"	Fall.	Mrs. L. B. Wright,	48 00	9 41	39	36	7	40	40	40	11	40	8	40	11	40						
No. 2, I. D.	Winter.	Mrs. L. B. Wright,	52 00	10 42	40	37	13	42	42	40	7	42	10	42	42	11						
"	Spring.	Alice E. Wilder,	36 00	9 53	47	41	4	51	51	51	51	15	15	50								
"	Fall.	Alice E. Wilder,	36 00	9 43	39	35	7	43	43	43	43	12	43	43								
"	Winter.	Alice E. Wilder,	36 00	10 36	35	30	4	36	36	36	36	36	8	36	36							
No. 2, 2d P. D.	Spring.	Carrie E. Smith,	32 00	9 52	48	42	9	52	52	52	52											
"	Fall.	Carrie E. Smith,	32 00	9 48	42	38	5	48	48	48	48											
"	Winter.	Carrie E. Smith,	32 00	10 37	31	29	4	37	37	37	37											
No. 2, 1st P. D.	Spring.	Minnie L. Merrill,	36 00	9 66	55	33	46	55	33	46	55	66										
"	Fall.	Minnie L. Merrill,	36 00	9 55	43	4	38	3	55	44	55											
"	Winter.	Minnie L. Merrill,	36 00	10 36	30	7	24	1	36	36	36											
No. 3.	Spring.	Cora M. Chase,	28 00	9 21	16	14	5	21	21	21	11	4										
"	Fall.	Cora M. Chase,	28 00	10 29	26	20	6	29	29	17	29	13	5	1								
"	Winter.	Cora M. Chase,	28 00	9 23	22	17	4	23	22	14	23	9	5	1								
No. 4.	Spring.	Marion L. Farnum,	28 00	9 16	15	8	9	16	16	16	16	13	5									
"	Fall.	Marion L. Farnum,	28 00	11 15	14	8	13	8	15	15	15	9	5	1								
"	Winter.	Marion L. Farnum,	28 00	7 13	11	9	3	13	13	13	13	7	4	1								

## REPORT OF HEALTH OFFICER.

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In presenting the first annual health report of this town, it is a pleasure to record the fact that the year has been one of unusual health, and that no serious epidemics have visited us. Early in the summer there were some sixteen cases of scarlatina; in all the disease assumed a mild form, and no deaths from that cause were reported. There have been fourteen cases of typhoid fever, two deaths occurring. In February there were six cases of measles, the contagion being accidentally brought here from Groton, Mass. It has been the rule to visit every house where infectious or contagious diseases have occurred, investigating the drainage, and other possible causes of sickness, and where necessary, have required the owners to put their premises in a proper sanitary condition.

By this means, many will prevent greatly their liability to disease in the future, though in some instances the surroundings were improved only in a temporary manner, merely to avoid a second complaint. Several petitions for the abatement of nuisances have been received, these latter have been due to noxious odors arising from deposits of sewage or slaughter house offal; the parties concerned have promptly abated the nuisances on receipt of a written order, with one exception, in which case the owner was not allowed to rent his building as a tenement.



In other cases where complaints have been received, your officer has declined to adjudicate that a nuisance really existed. In November, a hog slaughtered for family use, showing unmistakable signs of disease, was condemned, and proper disposal required. During the year, several samples of drinking water have been voluntarily presented, and analyzed; when any doubt existed as to the true nature of the contamination, it has been sent to a reliable chemist for further examination. The value of pure water cannot be estimated, and every effort made toward obtaining it should be diligently supported. The lesson of the relation of the cause to effect in disease is not yet learned, and the question of expense is an ever ready source of delay. Some there are who spare no pains or expense to protect their crops and herds, who at the same time practice a fatal economy, and a criminal extravagance, by allowing their family well to become contaminated by vault or drain. It has been the aim of your officer, to instil into the minds of all, the most approved methods of the prevention of disease. That the work imposed has been complete is not claimed, but it is hoped that a foundation has been laid, upon which may be built a systematic prevention of disease, and proper hygienic surroundings for those who are diseased.

Respectfully submitted,

NATHANIEL H. MERRIAM,

*Health Officer.*

Marlborough, March 1, 1887.

## FROST FREE LIBRARY.

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Annual meeting of the trustees was held August 2, 1886. The Hon. R. S. Frost gave a verbal report of the committee, respecting obtaining photographs of oil paintings from the Corcoran Art Gallery. The report was unfavorable. A committee was appointed, consisting of Rev. J. L. Merrill, Rev. J. C. Chase and Rev. G. B. Russell, to take the oversight of starting an art school, should they deem it expedient, and fifty dollars was appropriated for that purpose.

Made choice of Hon. R. S. Frost, president ; Charles Mason, secretary ; Mowray A. Thompson, treasurer ; chose Charles Mason, Rev. J. L. Merrill, Rev. J. C. Chase, L. G. Bemis, L. A. Fuller and Luther Hemenway, for executive committee ; chose Mrs. M. L. Merrill, librarian ; chose Luther Hemenway, committee on library ground ; appointed Luther Hemenway, committee to settle with Clinton Collins in regard to last year's Treasurer's report ; said report to be passed to the present Treasurer ; also, a copy of the same to the Secretary for record ; chose Rev. J. L. Merrill and Luther Hemenway, a committee on shelf room ; (more shelf room has now been furnished which was very much needed) ; chose L. A. Fuller and Rev. J. L. Merrill to revise the by-laws.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted :

*Resolved*, that we, the Trustees of the “Frost Free Library,” recognizing the faithfulness and devotion of our late associate Trustee (Jairus Collins, Esq.), hereby express our appreciation of his fidelity, work and interest; and convey to his family our regret that his work on earth is finished, and our sympathy with them in their bereavement.

At a special meeting held Aug. 31, 1886, voted, that seventy-five dollars be appropriated from the funds of the library, to assist in purchasing iron rails to fence the library ground.

At a special meeting held Dec. 4, 1886, Mrs. Mary L. Merrill (being about to leave town) resigned the office of Librarian. Mrs. Henry Pease was unanimously chosen to fill the place of Librarian.

Voted, that Rev. G. B. Russell ascertain the expense of a balcony to reach the upper book shelves, and report at any future meeting which may be called.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES MASON,

*Secretary.*

Marlborough, February 22, 1887.

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REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN OF FROST FREE  
LIBRARY TO THE TRUSTEES, FOR THE  
YEAR ENDING AUGUST 1, 1886.

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Upon the library coming under my care I took an inventory of all the books in the library, and also of those charged upon the register. I found 49 volumes missing, that were catalogued six years ago. Probably most of



them had been worn out during the time that has elapsed since that catalogue was printed. At the close of the year I have taken another inventory and find nine volumes missing. Two have been lost by the borrowers on the way home from the library. One of these has been paid for, and the money has been promised for the other. Eight volumes have been worn out.

At the beginning of the year most of the books were without numbers upon the back. This was such a great inconvenience, both in handling the books and in detecting missing ones, that I have put numbers upon all; but I find it almost impossible to keep them upon books that are in constant use. It is impossible for any Librarian to care properly for the library unless some means can be found to make these numbers fast. I have also made a catalogue of the books, arranged according to number. I find this such a help in tracing missing books, and in so many other ways, that I do not see how former Librarians ever got along without one.

As so much complaint had been made in former years by Librarians in regard to heating the library properly, Mr. Frost, early in the autumn, purchased a small stove, which has greatly added to the comfort of the Librarian. The room has been heated the past winter without the least difficulty. Also, at my request, the Executive Committee purchased two tables, which are of great use. Many an hour has been spent around them the past year (by those who had leisure) in reading and in looking at the volumes of engravings. Early this summer Mr. Frost very kindly gave the library some interesting and instructive specimens in Natural History and in Mineralogy. These have greatly added to the interest of the library as very many who do not take out books, came to see the curiosities.

At the beginning of the year sixty-five new books were purchased. Five volumes of Public Documents of New Hampshire were presented by Luke Knowlton, Esq., our representative at the Legislature. Three volumes of Public Document were sent by the Secretary of State. One hundred and seventy-six volumes were presented to the library by Hon. R. S. Frost, last winter, besides half as many more duplicates, which will be of great value to exchange with other libraries. Lawrence Greenwood presented one volume entitled, "The Child and the Man." Hon. H. E. Hill presented the "History of the 8th Regiment Vermont Volunteers," June 4, 1886. Hon. Rodney A. Wallace, of Fitchburg, presented a catalogue of the Wallace Library and Art Building in that city. Several other catalogues of different libraries have been sent to us, and in every case we have return one of our catalogues to the donor. The whole number of books added during the year, not counting the duplicates, is 252. Among the books sent by Mr. Frost during the winter were 28 volumes of the Congressional Globe, carrying the series in the library down to 1873.

This large addition of books makes more shelf room necessary. Indeed, a year ago, there was not room enough for the books when they were all in.

Ten volumes need to be rebound, and nine are lost or worn out. Nearly all the copies of St. Nicholas are entirely worn out. People have evidently allowed the children to handle them carelessly while looking at the pictures.

Under our present system of charging books, borrowed volumes are liable to be kept out a long time, as it is impossible for the Librarian to look carefully over the ledger every Saturday to see who has kept out books

over time. The use of some new system would obviate this difficulty in a great measure, and it is hoped the Trustees will take this matter into consideration.

The library has been open every Saturday during the year, but as the annual meeting occurs this year earlier than last year it has only been open 48 times. The whole number of books taken out from the library during the year, 8329. Average number each week, 176 11-48. Whole number of persons to whom books have been charged, 594.

M. L. MERRILL,

*Librarian.*



## CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

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The Committee on Cemeteries report as follows :

We visited the cemeteries belonging to the town and found the three old ones in bad condition ; brush and trees growing in them, and many of the stones leaning and a few down ; and at the lot at the Centre of the town most of the tombs without fastenings to the doors ; and after seeing what was needed we procured some fastenings and sealed the doors, so that they could be opened only by considerable effort. We cut the brush and some of the trees, and righted the stones in the old lots, and did what we thought had ought to be done to make the lots decent.

We herewith have a table of expenditures and money received, which will show what has been done during the year. The Committee adopted a rule, subject to revision by the town, that lots sold in the new cemetery, and unpaid for within a year, would be for sale the same as other lots, and if occupied by burial that the bodies be removed at the expense of those who made the purchase. Your Committee would recommend that the roadways in the new yard be properly graded, as there is danger of turning over in some parts of the yard. We had the iron fence painted at an expense of fourteen dollars and seventy-six cents. We did not carry out the vote of the

town in regard to water, and a pass from Graniteville Cemetery, as we did not make our plans work quite as we wished, and did not choose to make more expense than absolutely necessary, but think in a short time it can be done without great expense.

### MONEY RECEIVED.

1886.		
Aug. 26.	Mrs. Lucy Ann Wright, for lot,	\$25 00
	B. F. Merriam, 1225 lbs. hay,	8 57
Oct. 25.	Charles Bushee,	5 00
Nov. 5.	Elijah Boyden, lot,	25 00
Dec. 6.	Murray Fitch and Lucy E. Batchelder, lot,	25 50
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### PAID.

1886.		
	Book and postage,	\$ 15
July 19.	Albert Knowlton, labor and cash paid out,	12 10
	Spencer & Co., paint and freight,	4 76
	Work of G. W. Tupper,	1 00
Sept. 14.	Amos Mason, labor and cash paid out,	6 25
	B. F. Merriam, labor and use of team,	7 17
1887.		
Jan. 26.	Paid Town Treasurer,	57 64
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		\$89 07

B. F. MERRIAM,  
CLINTON COLLINS,  
AMOS A. MASON,

*Committee.*

Marlborough, Feb. 24, 1887.

## REPORT OF FIREWARDS.

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I would submit the following report of the Fire Department for the past year :

The Company has been kept fully up to its requisite number, and properly organized for efficient service at all times.

The machine and apparatus has been well cared for, and is in perfect order, except, we would recommend the town to purchase 200 feet of new hose, to take the place of the old rubber hose that is now worthless.

The past year the town has been very fortunate. Only two alarms of fire, and in both cases the department responded promptly, and rendered such service in subduing the flames as to cause but small loss. The first alarm, May 21, at J. & L. Knowlton's dry house ; second alarm, July 16, at residence of E. S. Baldwin.

We would further recommend that there be one or more reservoirs constructed on our main street.

C. O. WHITNEY,

*Chief of Firewards.*

Marlborough, March 1, 1887.



## REPORT OF TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS.

### AMOUNT OF FUNDS.

Asahel Collins school fund,	\$9,734 90
Lydia Wyman   “   “	550 00
Abijah Tucker   “   “	83 62
School fund,	420 00
Ministerial fund,	555 55
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Invested as follows : viz.—

The Asahel Collins school fund in the three savings banks at Keene.

The Wyman, Tucker, School and Ministerial funds in a town of Marlborough 4 per cent. bond.

Income received and paid to the town, \$585 00.

LUTHER HEMENWAY, *Trustee*.

Marlborough, Feb. 24, 1887.

# TOWN HALL BUILDING.

Report of Elijah Boyden, agent, from March 1, 1886,  
to March 1, 1887 :

## RECEIPTS.

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1886.		
March 5.	Received from Miss Bishop,	\$4 00
12.	C. H. Thatcher,	5 00
18.	C. Merrill,	2 00
20.	Earnest Workers,	2 00
21.	W. C. T. U.,	1 00
21.	Catholics,	4 00
25.	Arboreal Society,	5 00
April 19.	Congregational Society,	5 00
23.	H. Arden,	4 00
May 22.	Ball,	5 00
June 2.	Troy Dramatic Club,	5 00
2.	Mr. Hobert,	4 16
2.	C. I. Hale & Co.,	31 25
2.	George G. Davis,	50 00
July 5.	Potter,	3 00
12.	Catholic Priest,	10 00
19.	Mr. Hobert,	6 25
19.	W. C. T. U.,	1 00
Aug. 8.	Mr. Hobert,	4 17

Aug.	14.	Received from Catholic Priest,	\$8 00
	14.	Fitzwilliam Band,	5 00
	22.	W. C. T. U.,	1 00
Sept.	8.	C. I. Hale & Co.,	31 25
	8.	George G. Davis,	50 00
	22.	Merry Gleaners,	6 00
	22.	Mr. Hobert,	4 17
Oct.	12.	Catholic Priest,	18 00
	14.	Hanovenians,	5 00
	17.	W. C. T. U.,	1 00
Nov.	9.	H. Arden,	5 00
	10.	Concert,	2 00
	16.	Methodist Society,	7 00
	20.	Indian Show,	7 00
Dec.	1.	Catholic Priest,	18 00
	3.	C. I. Hale & Co.,	31 25
	3.	George G. Davis,	50 00
	17.	Pat Malony Co.,	5 00
1887.			
Jan.	9.	Odd Fellows,	5 00
	15.	Clark,	3 00
	19.	Universalist Society,	8 00
Feb.	3.	Boy Cadets,	2 00
	16.	Arboreal Society,	2 00
	19.	Little Sunshine,	5 00
	19.	Hinges,	33
	25.	Perry,	1 00
	28.	Catholic Priest,	24 00
	28.	C. I. Hale & Co.,	31 25
	28.	George G. Davis,	50 00
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## DISBURSEMENTS.

1886.		
June	1.	Paid for 10 gallons oil, \$ 1 50
	1.	Albert Knowlton, 21 00
July	10.	Town Treasurer, 100 00
Sept.	8.	Town Treasurer, 100 00
	8.	hand brush, 38
	8.	bricks, 10
	8.	oil, 45
	8.	Albert Knowlton, 16 00
Oct.	15.	Marcus Nye for wood, 18 00
	15.	L. Heminway for sawing, 2 60
	23.	A. B. Chase for painting, 12 30
Nov.	9.	J. C. Stone, setting glass, 75
Dec.	3.	Town Treasurer, 100 00
	3.	for sawing wood, 2 25
	3.	8 gallons oil, 1 20
	3.	brooms, 60
	3.	wicks, 12
	3.	8 gallons oil, 1 12
	3.	Albert Knowlton, 30 00
1887.		
Feb.	27.	Splints, 50
	27.	16 gallons oil, 1 92
	27.	globe, 20
	27.	chimney, 10
	27.	Albert Knowlton, 29 50
	27.	my services, 5 00
	27.	Town Treasurer, 92 49
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		\$538 08

ELIJAH BOYDEN.

Marlborough, March 1, 1887.



## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

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We, the undersigned, Selectmen of the town of Marlborough, respectfully submit the following financial report for the year ending March 1, 1887 :

### APRIL INVOICE, 1886.

Resident real estate,	\$359,052 00
Non-resident real estate,	20,436 00
Mills and machinery,	46,450 00
Stock in trade,	24,668 00
Money at interest,	44,588 00
Stock in banks,	7,400 00
Wood and lumber,	100 00
196 horses,	14,847 00
64 oxen,	4,544 00
302 cows,	8,336 00
84 other neat stock,	1,438 00
243 sheep,	702 00
12 hogs,	118 00
22 carriages,	1,525 00
501 polls,	50,100 00
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Total valuation,	\$584,304 00

Number of dogs, 77.

Rate per cent. on one hundred dollars, including highway, \$1.50.

Rate per cent. on school house property, \$1.00.

## AMOUNT OF MONEY RAISED BY TAX.

State tax,	\$1,384 00
County tax,	1,256 76
Town charges,	3,000 00
Highways,	1,500 00
Schools,	1,211 00
Surplusage,	472 19
Appraisal of school house property,	
District No. 1,	199 94
District No. 2,	3,471 65
District No. 3,	652 63
District No. 4,	167 18
District No. 5,	288 84
District No. 6,	254 18
District No. 7,	123 18
District No. 8,	672 80
Dog tax,	89 00
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	\$14,743 35
Amount of rebate to the several districts,	\$5,830 40
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	\$8,912 95
Amount committed to Collector of Taxes,	
George L. Fairbanks,	\$8,912 95
Amount of money for school purposes, by law,	\$1,211 00
Town fund,	16 80
L. Wyman fund,	22 00
A. Tucker fund,	3 34
Railroad tax,	74 63
Literary fund,	186 24
Dog tax,	85 50
A. Collins fund,	488 46
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	\$2,087 97

## DISBURSEMENTS.

Amount of money expended for schools, E. O.

Woodward, Treasurer School Board, \$2,087 97

## FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid 50 firemen,	\$150 00
Steward's bill and supplies,	15 20
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	\$165 20

## AID TO COUNTY PAUPERS.

Aid furnished Edwin Doolittle and wife,	\$13 26
“ Oren Wilber,	18 32
“ Simon Wilcox,	10 22
“ William Harradon,	10 00
“ Philindia Tellia,	3 20
“ Mrs. Peter Louzzen,	201 23
“ Daniel Dillon,	37 00
“ Maggie Jordon,	18 82
“ Antoine Chambo,	48 20
“ Gideon Foster,	132 15
“ Louise Chawsae,	14 36
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	\$506 76

## AID TO TOWN PAUPERS.

David Totten's family,	\$112 00
Gilman and Adaline Whitcomb,	60 00
Nelson Fletcher,	10 00
Henry Pluff,	6 00
Transient,	8 25
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	\$196 25

## Amount of money committed to road agents :

District No. 1, Josiah M. Darling,	\$75 00
“ 2, Joseph Despress,	70 00
“ 3, Frank S. Derby,	70 00
“ 4, Howard T. Clark,	80 00
“ 5, George A. Nutting,	67 00
“ 6, Almon C. Mason,	62 00
“ 7, Levi A. Fuller,	95 00
“ 8, J. Whitney Lawrence,	207 00
“ 9, Calvin Farrar,	60 00
“ 10, Albert Knowlton,	179 00
“ 11, Frank T. Wiswall,	180 00
“ 12, Ashley N. White,	55 00
“ 13, Stillman Richardson,	50 00
“ 14, George F. Wise,	50 00
“ 15, Samuel Mason,	50 00
“ 16, D. W. Tenney,	150 00
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	\$1,500 00

## TOWN OFFICERS.

Luther G. Bemis, selectman,	\$109 00
Levi A. Fuller, selectman,	78 00
Luther Hemenway, selectman,	106 00
George G. Davis, treasurer,	25 00
George G. Davis, clerk,	25 00
George L. Fairbanks, collector,	95 00
Daniel W. Tenney, selectman,	2 00
Elisha O. Woodward, school board,	30 00
Nathaniel H. Merriam, school board,	40 00
Levi D. Jones, school board,	40 00
Cyrus S. Moors, police officer,	15 00
A. B. Chase, police officer,	8 00



Corlis G. Osgood, police officer,	\$5 00
Granville Morse, police officer,	4 00
Benjamin F. Merriam, cemetery committee,	5 00
Clinton Collins, cemetery committee,	2 00
Amos A. Mason, cemetery committee,	2 00
J. K. Southwick, cemetery committee,	2 00
Dr. Nathaniel H. Merriam, health officer,	15 00
Clinton Collins, supervisor,	6 00
Charles L. Bemis, supervisor,	6 00
J. D. Dexter, supervisor,	6 00
Charles H. Osborne, truant officer,	15 00
George F. Wise, fish warden,	5 00
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	\$646 00

## ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Webb & Batchelder, repairing depot road,	\$568 00
Joseph Nourse, building abutment Fuller bridge,	140 38
John Hale, work on Fuller bridge,	10 35
Samuel Baker, work on Fuller bridge,	13 00
Joseph Foster,       “       “	8 00
Geo. Sherman,       “       “	3 75
Levi A. Fuller,       “       “	28 71
Webb & Batchelder, stone       “	34 20
J. Whitney Lawrence, drawing stone for Fuller bridge,	13 50
H. S. Wiswall, bridge stringers and braces,	34 60
Silas Hardy, admr., bridge plank,	50 92
Webb & Batchelder, stone,	10 05
George Thatcher, railing,	3 00
George Thatcher, 2 scraper points,	3 00
Howard T. Clark, extra work on highway,	7 32

Paid J. Whitney Lawrence, extra work on highway,	\$42 09
Samuel Mason, extra work on highway,	7 00
Albert Knowlton, extra work on highway,	5 34
George A. Nutting, extra work on highway,	3 75
J. W. Lawrence, repairing bridge near Knowlton's,	11 62
Knowlton & Stone, drain pipe,	2 75
Joseph Despress, breaking roads,	37 27
Frank S. Derby, “	4 94
Calvin Farrar, “	11 35
Josiah M. Darling, “	21 16
Daniel W. Tenney, “	4 20
George A. Nutting “	20 27
J. Whitney Lawrence, “	8 31
Almon C. Mason, “	4 62
Ashley N. White, “	9 62
H. L. Wiswall, “	2 00
Howard T. Clark, “	7 85
Samuel Mason, “	4 05
Alfred F. Clark, cutting ice,	50
J. & L. Knowlton, lumber,	22 59
Geo. G. Davis, spikes,	99
Levi A. Luller, work on bridge,	1 50
Albert Knowlton, breaking roads,	8 71
Henry Ward, scraping sidewalks,	8 00
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	\$1,179 26

## MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid State Tax,	\$1,384 00
County tax,	1,256 76
Bonds,	3,225 00
Coupons,	798 54

Paid Printing report for 1886,	\$28 80
Stationary and postage,	3 91
George G. Davis, note, District No. 8,	41 60
Decorating soldiers' graves,	25 00
Dr. N. H. Merriam, return of births and deaths,	9 25
Dr. J. A. Leet, return of births and deaths,	5 50
George G. Davis, repairing inside town hall building,	17 23
Dr. M. T. Stone, return of births and deaths,	2 25
School books, per order of School Board,	17 98
Congregational society, ministerial fund,	7 41
Methodist " " "	7 41
Universalist " " "	7 40
Granville Morse, land damage,	10 00
Town of Dublin, proportion of value of school house,	35 31
City of Keene, proportion of value of school house,	22 95
Peter Cloutier, work on aqueduct,	14 25
Edward Cutter, " "	16 85
Luther G. Bemis, " "	3 75
Luther Hemenway, " "	5 70
C. Hodgkins & Son, " "	10 00
B. F. Merriam, lead pipe, etc., for aqueduct,	37 41
Universalist society, on account of clock,	25 00
Sullivan H. McColleston, over-tax,	51 15
Luther Hemenway, repairing town house roof,	16 16
W. H. Spalter, town officer,	2 50
Horse hire, for Selectmen,	23 94
Horse hire, for School Board,	3 00
Charles Stay, care of street lamps,	6 00

Paid F. E. Adams, oil for street lamps,	\$ 2 50
Geo. G. Davis, recording births and deaths,	12 00
Walter L. Metcalf, printing notices,	3 97
Expense taking invoice,	4 00
Repairing lamp at Stay bridge,	1 25
C. H. Osborne, window screens,	2 50
Byron C. Knight, land damage for winter road,	5 00
Geo. G. Davis, record book,	8 50
F. R. Thurston, over tax,	1 65
Use of telephone,	50
Painting cemetery fence,	10 00
Elijah Gates, public watering trough,	3 00
T. White, " "	3 00
Levi A. Fuller, " "	3 00
Wm. C. Mason, watering trough part year,	1 00
Nelson Converse, taking affidavits,	50
Charles A. Howard, abatement dog tax,	2 00
H. Wiswall, wood tramp house,	1 25
Lock for tramp house,	75
Fred Craig, abatement dog tax,	1 00
Augustus T. Woodward, burying diseased pork,	1 00
Ira E. Starkey, rebate on school house tax,	75
Joseph Haskell, " " "	1 13
A. C. Bennett, " " "	47
T. A. Scoby, repairing road scraper,	4 00
Batchelder & Faulkner, retaining fee,	6 00
Nelson Converse, expense sending John Sloam to the House of Correction,	7 89
Abatements 1885,	16 33
Abatements 1886,	203 08



Paid W. H. Spalter, stationery,	\$ 3 44
Interest on temporary loan,	40 00
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	\$7,473 51

## GRADING AND FENCING LIBRARY GROUNDS.

Paid Clinton Collins, stone posts,	\$90 00
Cunningham Iron works, fence rails,	62 72
H. S. Wiswall, labor,	30 75
L. Hemenway, labor,	23 75
L. G. Bemis, labor,	27 45
Charles Mason, labor,	15 30
Edward E. Cutter, labor,	18 83
Geo. L. Capron, labor,	8 75
James Thatcher, gravel,	4 00
E. Gates, gravel,	1 05
Lumber and paint,	4 94
B. C. Knight, use of scraper,	75
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	\$288 29

## RECAPITULATION.

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Amount appropriated for schools,	\$2,087 97
Fire department,	165 20
Aid to county paupers,	506 76
Aid to town paupers,	196 25
Amount committed to road agents,	1,500 00
Town officers,	646 00
Roads and bridges,	1,179 26
Miscellaneous,	7,473 51
Library grounds,	288 29
Amount in treasury March 1, 1887,	465 46
	<hr style="width: 20%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> \$14,508 70

## MONEY ON HAND AND PAID INTO THE TREASURY DURING THE YEAR.

Cash in treasury March 1, 1886,	\$1,357 72
Received Savings bank tax,	2,256 21
“ Railroad tax,	74 63
“ County paupers,	522 58
“ Literary fund,	186 24
“ Town hall agent,	392 49
“ L. Hemenway, trust funds,	585 00
“ Cemetery lot,	25 00
“ Poll tax,	1 65
“ Lucinda Harradon,	1 20
“ Cemetery lots,	57 64

Received Town of Jaffrey on account school house,	\$33 60
“ Town of Harrisville “ “	7 84
“ C. A. Bemis,	10 00
“ N. Converse, fines,	4 00
“ License for pool table,	9 00
“ Cemetery lot,	25 00
“ Taxes assessed in 1885,	264 29
“ Taxes assessed in 1886,	8,671 87
“ Interest on taxes, 1885-1886,	22 74
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	\$14,508 70

#### ASSETS OF THE TOWN, MARCH 1, 1887.

Cash in the treasury,	\$465 46
Taxes uncollected,	241 08
Charles A. Bemis' note,	459 00
Due from county for aid to paupers,	217 68
Due from Frost free library,	75 00
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	\$1,458 22

#### LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN, MARCH 1, 1887.

Due on town bonds,	\$15,984 17
on coupons by estimation,	160 00
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	\$16,144 17

Assets subtracted,	1,458 22
Indebtedness of town, March 1, 1887,	\$14,685 95
Indebtedness of town, March 1, 1886,	\$17,066 68

Debt decreased during the year, \$2,380 73

## PROPERTY OWNED BY THE TOWN.

Town hall building,	\$8,000 00
Engine house,	800 00
Engine and fixtures,	1,200 00
Lock-up,	200 00
Pine Grove Cemetery,	1,600 00
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	\$11,800 00

## TRUST FUNDS.

Lydia Wyman fund, L. Hemenway, trustee,	\$550 00
Tucker fund, " "	83 62
Ministerial fund, " "	555 55
Asahel Collins school fund, " "	9,734 90
J. T. Collins fund for cemeteries, L. Hemenway, trustee,	200 00
J. T. Collins fund for fire department, L. Hemenway, trustee,	500 00
Town School fund, L. Hemenway, trustee,	420 00
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	\$12,044 07

LUTHER G. BEMIS,  
 LEVI A. FULLER,  
 LUTHER HEMENWAY,  
*Selectmen of Marlborough.*

GEO. G. DAVIS, *Town Treasurer.*  
 Marlborough, March 1, 1887.



## THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

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*To the inhabitants of the town of Marlborough qualified to vote in town affairs :*

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall, in said town, on the second Tuesday of March next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects :

- 1.—To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.
- 2.—To choose three Selectmen, Town Treasurer and Clerk.
- 3.—To choose a Collector of Taxes, and all other necessary town officers and agents for the year ensuing.
- 4.—To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the support of schools, for paying the town debts and defraying the interest thereon, and for other necessary charges arising in said town, for laying out and repairing highways and sidewalks, and building and repairing bridges, and for the maintenance of the poor.
- 5.—To hear the reports of the Town Treasurer and Board of Selectmen to the town, the reports of the Auditors, Agents, Committees, or other officers heretofore chosen or appointed, and to pass any vote relating thereto.
- 6.—To see how the town will divide the income of the ministerial fund.
- 7.—To see what sum of money the town will appropriate to defray the expense of decorating the graves of soldiers.
- 8.—To see what sum of money the town will appropriate to defray the expense of the town clock on the Universalist church.
- 9.—To see if the town will vote to purchase a new safe.
- 10.—To see if the town will vote to pay Thomas White a part of the expense of building a reservoir.
- 11.—To see how the town will dispose of the literary

fund and railroad tax, also how the town will dispose of the dog tax remaining in the treasury on the first day of March, 1887.

12.—To transact all other business which may come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this nineteenth day of February, A. D. 1887.

LUTHER G. BEMIS,  
LEVI A. FULLER,  
LUTHER HEMENWAY,

*Selectmen of Marlborough.*







